



UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

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Mr. President,

Uganda welcomes the delegation of Mauritius to the second circle of UPR and would like to commend them for consolidating the institutional and legislative framework to ensure adequate legal protection for all peoples of Mauritius. They have enacted laws since the last review, in particular legislations on: the Combating of Trafficking in Persons Act, the Legal Aid Act, the Equal Opportunity Act and the Protection of Human Rights Act.

We commend Mauritius for adopting a National Gender Policy Framework and setting up a National Platform to end Gender Based Violence and discrimination.

We note they have ratified the Optional Protocol on the sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on Communications Procedure.

We note that Mauritius has set up a Human Rights Monitoring Committee to implement the Action Plan on the human rights landscape.

We recommend:

1. That Mauritius introduces special measures in areas where women are under-represented or disadvantaged and raise awareness among parliamentarians and other Government Officials.
2. That Mauritius ratifies the Kampala Declaration and creates an adequate national and legal policy framework to effectively deal with internal displacement of people.

Thank you. Mr. President